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FOR DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS, USDA

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SUBJ: SOVIET WHEAT SHIP

REF: A) STATE 151050 B) BOMBAY 1518

1. WE HAVE CONTACTED CAPTAIN OF GREEK SHIP REFERRED TO
RDJ B AND HAVE OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. NAME OF TANKER: POLIKOS, GREEK FLAG, PRESIDENT
INTERGREEN SHIPPING COMPANY, 8 OMIROU, ATHENS, OR,
ACCORDING SHIP CAPTAIN, ALSO TAVOPA SHIPPING COMPANY
SA PANAMA, 8 OMIROU, ATHENS. (WE UNABLE EXPLALD LISTING
OF TWO OWNERS.)

B. TANKER CAPTAIN: NICHOLAS KARAYIANNIS

C. DATE TANKER SAILED FROM ODESSA: MAY 12, 1974

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D. TANKER WAS NOT REPEAT NOT LOADED DIRECTLY FROM U.S. SHIP BUT WAS LOADED FROM SAME SILO OR STORAGE AREA INTO WHICH U.S. SHIP WAS UNLOADING. ACCORDING CAPTAIN KARAYIANNIS, POLIKOS AND U.S. SHIP WERE IN SAME SLIP AT OPPOSITE PIERS, BOTH HEADED IN TOWARD STORAGE AREA. U.S. SHIP UNLOADED SOME GRAIN FROM ITS PORT SIDE INTO BARGES, WITH DESTINATION UNKNOWN TO KARAYIANNIS. AT SAME TIME, IT WAS BEING UNLOADED FROM ITS AFT SIDE WITH EVACUATORS WHICH

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FED GRAIN INTO STORAGE AREA. POLIKOS WAS LOADED WITH EVACUATORS FROM OTHER SIDE OF STORAGE AREA.

E. KARAYIANNIS WAS UNABLE TO RECALL NAME OF U.S. SHIP. HE DID SAY AN ITALIAN SHIP, THE SANTA ELIZABETH, WAS UNLOADING U.S. GRAIN IN ODESSA AT THE SAME TIME.

F. JULY 16, 1974, FOR BUENOS AIRES. EXPECTED ARRIVAL DATE LATE AUGUST. DATE OF STAY AT BUENOS AIRES UNKNOWN.

G. CAPTAIN KARAYIANNIS AND CHIEF ENGINEER PROVIDED INITIAL INFO, KARAYIANNIS LATER.

H. REAFFIRMED.

I. FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA

2. ON CLOSE QUESTIONING, CAPTAIN KARAYIANNIS WAS UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER WHEAT WAS ACTUALLY U.S. ORIGIN, AND COULD ONLY SAY THAT IT WAS BEING UNLOADED FROM U.S. SHIP INTO STORAGE AREA FROM WHICH POLIKOS WAS LOADED. HE IMPLIED THAT U.S. SHIP WAS ALSO CARRYING CORN, THOUGH THIS PARTICULAR POINT WAS SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR. HE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS BE HELPFUL AND WOULD PROBABLY BE COOPERATIVE IF CONTACTED IN THE FUTURE. HE SAID POLIKOS WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO INDIA FOLLOWING TRIP TO BUENOS AIRES AND AGREED CONTACT CONGKOFFS IF HE CALLS AT BOMBAY.

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